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1. SOVIET ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRC GREETING ON OCTOBER
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TO ALL WELL-WISHERS, IT IS NOT CUSTOMARY TO PUBLISH THEM,

AND THERE WAS NO SIMILAR MESSAGE TO PRC PUBLISHED LAST YEAR. PUBLICATION THIS YEAR THUS BEARS ALL EARMARKS OF SOVIET EFFORT TO GIVE IMPRESSION OF WILLINGNESS TO RESPOND TO POSITIVE ELEMENTS OF CHINESE GREETING.

2. SUBSTANCE OF MESSAGE IS NOT STARTLING. SIGNED BY PRESIDIUM OF SUPREME SOVIET AND COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND ADDRESSED TO CHINESE COUNTERPART BODIES, IT REITERATES SOVIET INTEREST IN NORMALIZATION AND INDICATES IMPORTANCE OF "CONCRETE MATTERS." IN THIS CONTEXT IT ALLUDES TO SERIES OF SOVIET PROPOSALS, NAMING NON-USE OF FORCE AND NON-ATTACK TREATIES.

3. COMMENT: IMMEDIATE EFFECT OF MESSAGE IS TO PUT THE NORMALIZATION BALL BACK IN THE CHINESE COURT AT A TIME WHEN BREZHNEV IS BURNISHING HIS DETENTE IMAGE IN ASIA. THE PROPAGANDA ASPECT IS PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT; MOSCOW NEEDS TO SHOW THE WORLD AND DOMESTIC OPINION THAT THE USSR IS ATTEMPTING TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH PEKING. BUT ASIDE FROM PROPAGANDA, SOVIETS MAY HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THE POSITIVE TONE OF CHINESE NATIONAL DAY MESSAGE REQUIRES RESPONSE IN ORDER TO PROBE PEKING'S WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS SPECIFICS. THE QUESTION IS WHETHER THE PUBLIC MESSAGE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY PRIVATE EFFORT TO RESUME PEKING TALKS WHICH HAVE BEEN IN LIMBO SINCE SOVIET NEGOTIATOR ILICHEV RETURNED TO MOSCOW LAST JULY. DUBS

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